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Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. In the Southeast, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on medium and unchanged on the balance. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand improved at retail outlets and was noted as light to good. Supplies were closely balanced to instances available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE

EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices increased 2 cents for medium. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand had improved to moderate to good with feature activity and winter weather providing the best interest. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to at time fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand for spot loads mostly hand to mouth as many breakers attempt to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	51-57	54-57

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	48-52
MEDIUM	34-38
SMALL	12-16

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, best where retail features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to instances available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	55-67	57-59

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA,RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 2 cents higher for medium and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg sales were improved to moderate to good due to feature activity. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to instances fully adequate for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-82
LARGE	71-80
MEDIUM	55-64

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were not as available with the larger sizes usually adequate and mediums closely balanced for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to barely sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69.5-77	71-74
LARGE	68-75	69-72
MEDIUM	53-61	54-58

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE

EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Feature activity mixed. Supplies are adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	55-61

**NEW YORK** All prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was occasionally light to mostly moderate, best where scattered features were in progress or planned. Supplies were usually adequate to available for seasonal requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	64-68

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, unchanged to one cent higher on large, and 1-2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings mainly adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved to seasonally good. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 69. No new ads noted in Northern California.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	89

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-319	JUMBO	249-299
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-269
LARGE	209-219	LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	179-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 11, 2003 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 04, 2003 were 248,380 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	206,624	41,756	248,380
% change from the prior week.....	-1	-12	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand for spot loads of heavy nest runs mostly hand to mouth as many breakers attempt to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
NEST RUN	43-45	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-03

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.97
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced at processing plants. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-03

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8	8.38
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 07, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		<b>NO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>5-Area</b>	
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>Atl</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.8	25.3	7.5	15.2	15.8 77.6
	Change	0.3	-1.1	-0.2	-2.6	0.3 -4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.4	52.8	14.3	34.7	44.4 176.6
	Change	-6.2	-11.8	-0.6	2.4	3.5 -7%
Large	Curr Wk	65.1	167.4	128.8	138.8	154.4 654.5
	Change	-9.0	12.7	19.5	18.2	6.1 8%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	34.8	14.2	24.1	26.2 114.0
	Change	-1.5	-3.3	-1.6	-4.5	-6.0 -13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	4.4	4.9	9.6	4.4 26.3
	Change	-2.0	-1.2	1.9	0.0	-3.1 -14%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	18.4	5.7	14.9	5.0 47.9
	Change	-0.3	-1.7	-1.2	-1.6	-2.4 -13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	59.0	29.3	40.7	33.0 189.1
	Change	-3.6	3.9	5.3	-4.1	3.1 2%
Total	Curr Wk	158.0	362.1	204.7	278.0	283.2 1286.0
Percent Change		-12%	-1%	13%	3%	1% 1%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg	1286.0	1%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	217.3	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1503.3	0%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	<b>NO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>5-AREA</b>
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>ATL</b>	<b>PACIFIC</b>
180.3	364.6	181.6	270.2	281.7
				1278.4

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2003

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 24, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 04, 2003.

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
16.00								17.00								33.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST		ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	49.00	51.00		—	51.00		—	GL W J	—	—		—	—		—	—	65.00	2.00					
GL W J	—	—		—	—		54.00	GL W LG	—	—		—	—		—	—	71.36	8.00					
GL W XL	—	—		63.00	65.00		62.00																
GL W LG	—	—		—	—		61.96																
GL W MD	—	—		49.50	51.00		—																
GL W SM	—	—		30.75	32.00		—																
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		—																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 31-APRIL 4, 2003.

CURRENT LOADS								93.00	FUTURE LOADS								85.75	TOTAL LOADS								178.75
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	49.00	52.50	49.88	51.00	56.70	51.00	33.00	GNR W 1	—	56.00	—	—	—	62.08	13.00											
GNR W 2	—	—	—	52.00	—	51.00	8.00	GNR W 2	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	4.00											
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	77.00	80.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	83.00	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.00											
GNR BR 2	—	—	76.00	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.00											
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.39	—	5.75	GL W J	63.00	—	—	—	68.50	68.68	7.00											
GL W XL	—	60.79	62.58	64.93	60.58	—	42.25	GL W XL	65.00	68.50	—	—	—	71.81	18.50											
GL W LG	57.00	64.14	60.47	64.40	60.27	59.00	53.50	GL W LG	61.40	64.21	—	—	—	71.00	40.50											
GL W MD	—	58.33	47.83	49.25	43.00	46.00	11.50	GL W MD	46.21	49.67	—	—	46.00	51.64	7.75											
GL W SM	30.50	32.50	30.83	32.42	—	—	7.00	GL W SM	29.86	—	—	—	31.00	34.00	3.25											
NRBS - 50	—	—	44.00	44.33	—	—	.75																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	42.50	—	44.87	44.75																			
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	32.00	2.50																			

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/31/03	03/24/03	04/01/02
PACIFIC COAST	224	201	147
LOS ANGELES	186	161	105

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	88.27
LARGE	87.27
MEDIUM	71.88
SMALL	54.27

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS****RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

	March 23-29, 2003	March 16-22, 2003
30-dozen case	5,794	7,679

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**Egg Quality Control****OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 4/4/2003

Report Period: 3/23/2003 - 3/29/2003

State	# Cases Shipped to Northern California	# Cases Shipped to Central California	# Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	810	900	1,710
Colorado	0	615	6,290	6,905
Illinois	0	0	1,570	1,570
Iowa	2,770	1,580	64,325	68,675
Maine	0	0	1,920	1,920
Michigan	0	0	4,834	4,834
Minnesota	1,560	750	16,630	18,940
Missouri	0	0	5,271	5,271
New Hampshire	0	840	780	1,620
Ohio	0	0	4,834	4,834
Oregon	2,403	292	0	2,695
Pennsylvania	0	0	950	950
Utah	0	0	8,067	8,067
Washington	0	288	588	876
Wisconsin	0	0	2,300	2,300
TOTAL	6,733	5,175	119,259	131,167
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	6,733	5,175	119,259	131,167

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Down 4 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 133 million dozen during February 2003, down 4 percent from February a year ago.

February 2003 contained 20 weekdays, four Saturdays and one holiday, the same as February 2002.

During calendar year 2003, shell eggs broken totaled 286 million dozen, down 2 percent from the 292 million dozen broken in 2002. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2003 was 362 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2002.

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